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In re Application of:  
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Serial No. 09/957,468

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Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR DETERMINING A CRITICAL DIMENSION, A PRESENCE OF DEFECTS, AND A THIN FILM CHARACTERISTIC OF A SPECIMEN

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

1413-1500, 1583, 1688, 1709, 1751

Please cancel claims 1-1412, 1501-1582, 1584-1687, 1689-1708, 1710-1750, and 1752-6632 without prejudice.

## CONCLUSION

In the present Amendment, Applicants present pending claims 1413-1500, 1583, 1688, 1709, 1751 for consideration by the Examiner. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

No fees are required for filing this amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5589-02305.

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